

Application No. 10/625,208
Reply to Office Action of December 22, 2006

Docket No.: 65858-0021

REMARKS

Claims 1-8, 12-25, and 27 are pending. Claims 1, 8, 12, 14, and 22 are amended herein. Claims 9-11, 26, and 28-31 are canceled. In the Office Action, claims 1-11, 21-23, and 27-29 were rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over United States Patent No. 6,801,662 ("Owechko") in view of United States Patent No. 6,075 875 ("Roehrig"). Claims 20, 25, and 31 were rejected under Section 103 as allegedly unpatentable over Owechko in view of Roehrig and further in view of Official Notice. Claims 12-15 and 26 were indicated to recite allowable subject matter.

Applicant thanks the Examiner and his supervisor for the courtesy of a telephone interview with Applicant's representative conducted on March 8, 2007. Based on that interview, and subject to an updated search, it was agreed that the present amendments to claims 1 and 22 place this application in condition for allowance.

Applicant's cancellation and amendment of claims herein is not intended to indicate Applicant's acquiescence in the grounds of rejection set forth in the Office Action. Applicant reserves the right to pursue amended and/or canceled subject matter in a continuation application.

All rejections have been addressed. In view of the above amendment, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 18-0013, under Order No. 65858-0021, from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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